South Golden Beach

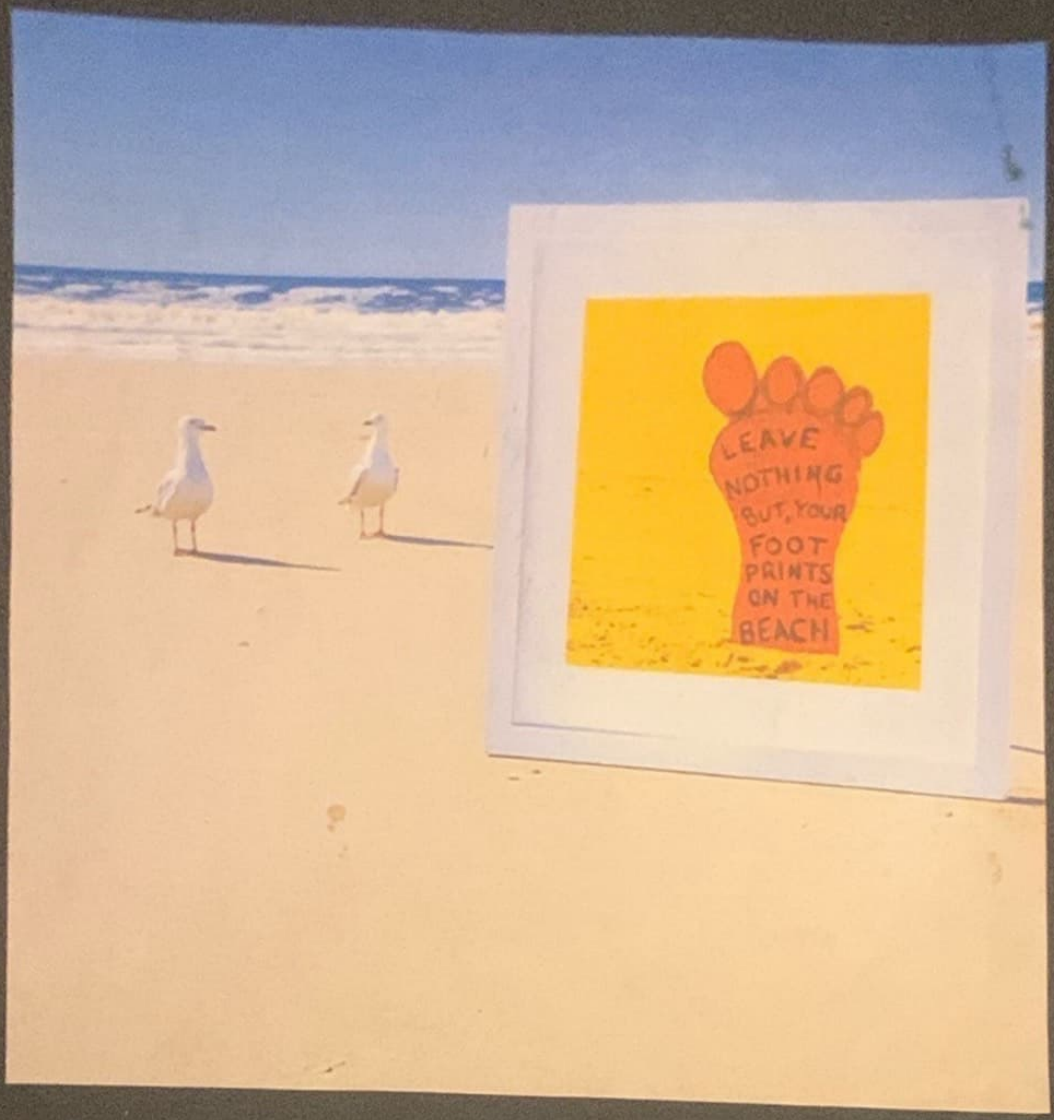
A pictorial history.

WINSOR & NEWTON

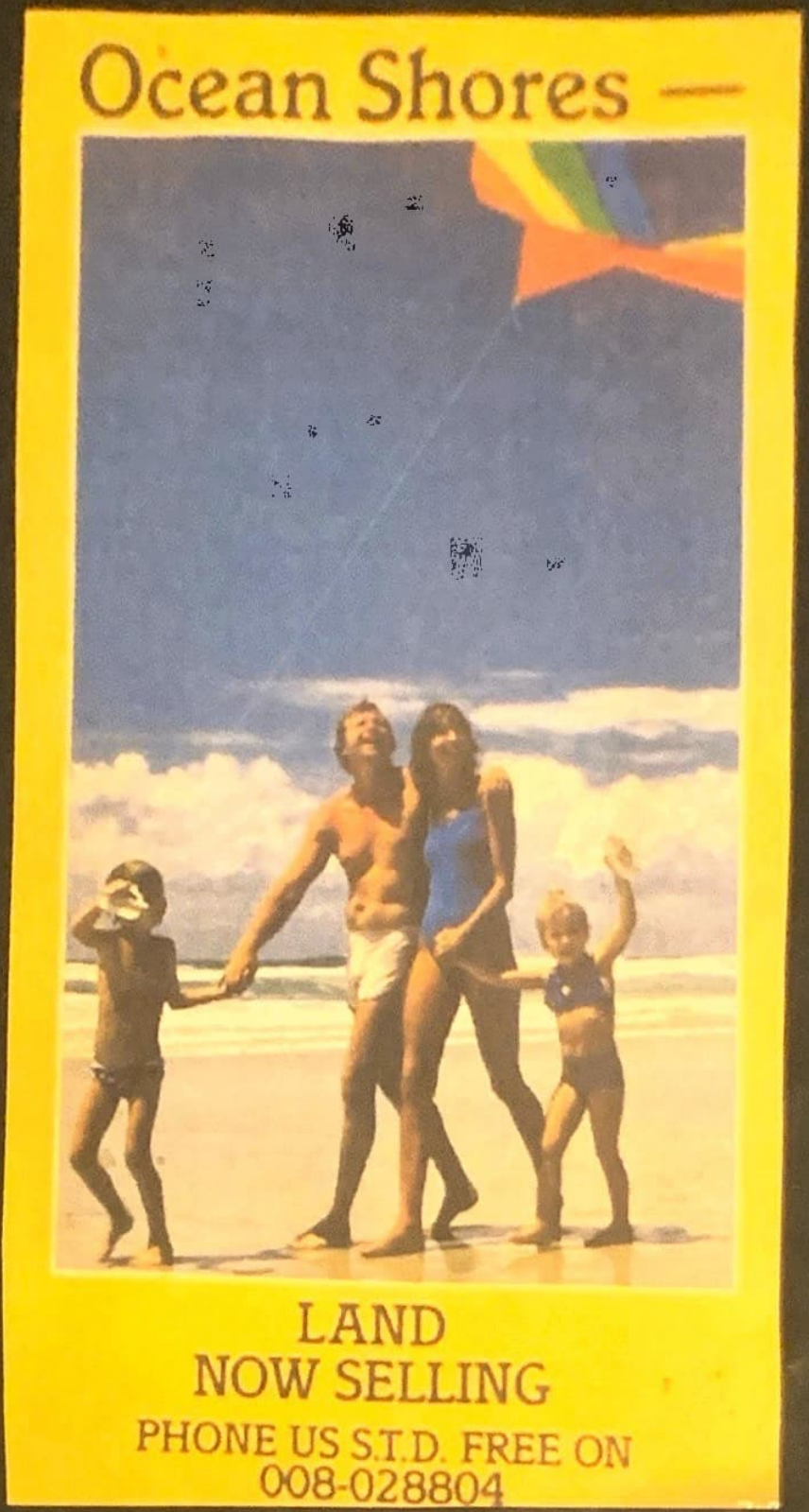
A picture can tell a Story.

To Kate, Scott and great staff at "Mrs Birdy".... Thank You.

A picture can tell a story so I thought I'd put together some historical photos of South Golden Beach and surrounding areas as I have lived here for 44 years.
I have always considered that living here was a privilege, even in the good and not so good times. I have never regretted moving here in 1980. At first some people would question why we chose to live here as South Golden Beach was considered by some as the "Third World of Byron Shire". Ocean Shores was also called "Open Sores" by some. At first we rented in Gloria Street and there were only 7 houses in the street. There was lots of space, very few trees surrounding and some wonderful people welcomed us into the neighbourhood. We felt so lucky.
My first block of land was in Gloria St for $15,000. We backed onto the easement and Berrimbilla court (with only 7 houses) so my backyard used to be the volleyball court for me and my friends. It was pretty laid-back in those days and there was a good sense of community. There was no hall, park or Mrs Birdy's Cafe however the beach was a good place to connect with others.I remember organising volleyball on the beach with the locals and we had some great times. There was a strong sense of community. Years later committees were established in South Golden Beach and the hall became a reality. There were some great functions held there for locals and the wider community.
Over the years there were plenty of adversities living here including floods, fires and beach erosion.I've gone back into my archives and found photos and news clips that reflect some of those times which were challenging and threatening however we pulled together when and where we could.
I also included photos of residents who pulled together when the Fern Beach development was brought to our attention. The community rally was in opposition to the mega development that was planned. The outcome was a much smaller development and more Nature Reserve.
I remember clearly in the times of adversity people would come together and help each other.
Many years later we still have a great community with many people working behind the scenes for the benefit of the community at South Golden Beach and surrounds.



Beautiful South
Golden Beach.



This was the Poster for Ocean Shores.... which was called Open Sores !!!

LEAVE
NOTHING
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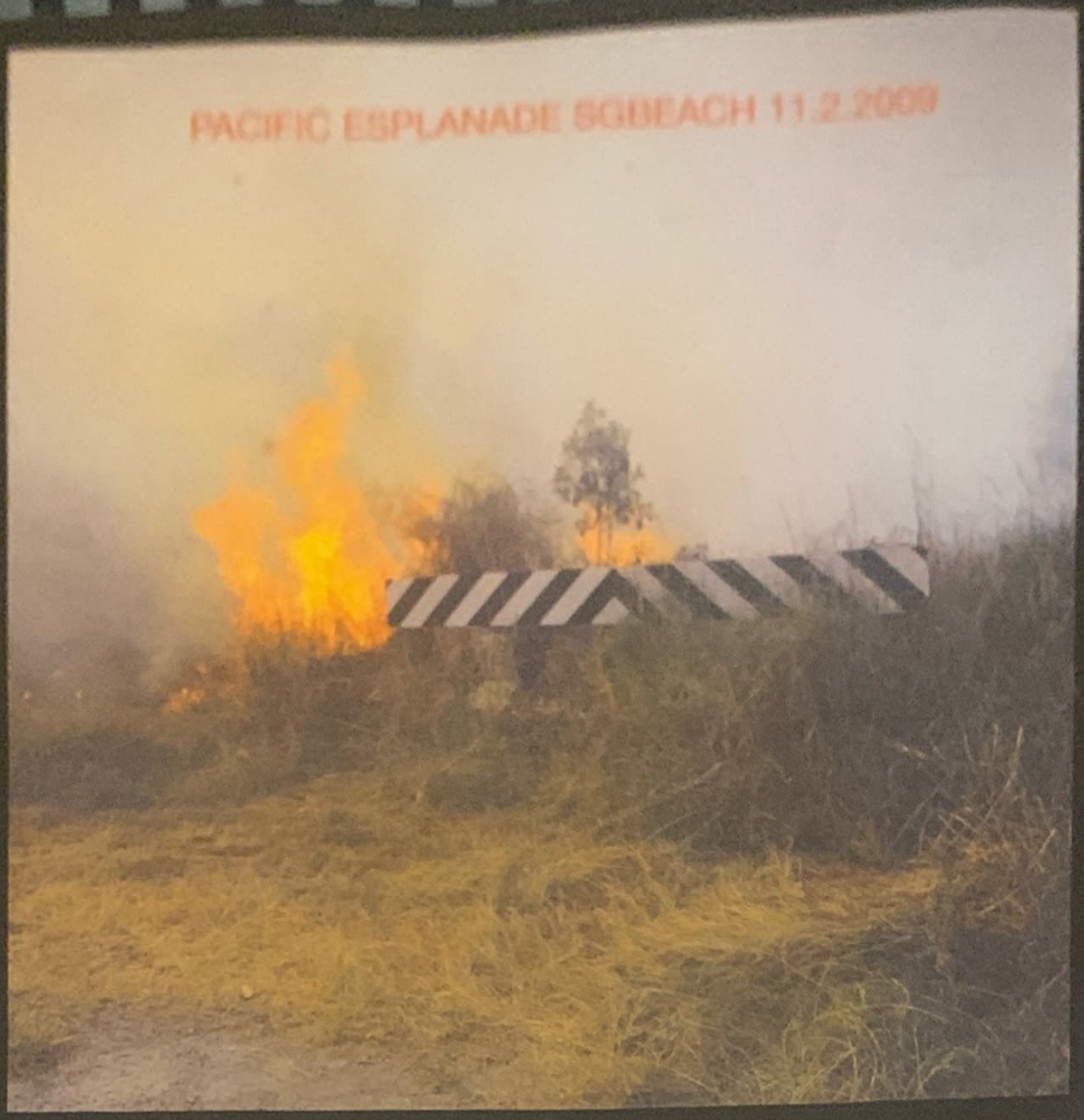


From fires to floods, the community support each other and we are `still here

SOME STORM EVENTS THAT HAVE AFFECTED BEACHES IN THE BYRON BAY EMBAYMENT

some TROPICAL CYCLONES

TC YALI 1998

TC HAMISH MARCH 2009

TC OSWALD JAN 2013

TC ULA 2015/16

TC WINSTON FEB 2016

ECL JUNE 2016

TC DEBBIE MARCH 2017

TC GITA FEB 2018

TC HOLA MARCH 2018

TC IRIS MARCH 2018

TC OMA FEBRUARY 2019

Ex TC SETH 3-4 2022

some EAST COAST LOWS

28.4.2000
8.3.2001
4.7.7.2001
26.6.2003
5.3.2004
29.6.2005
13.2.2009
19.5.2009
15.7.2020
13.12.2020

Erosion at SGB

Gloria St

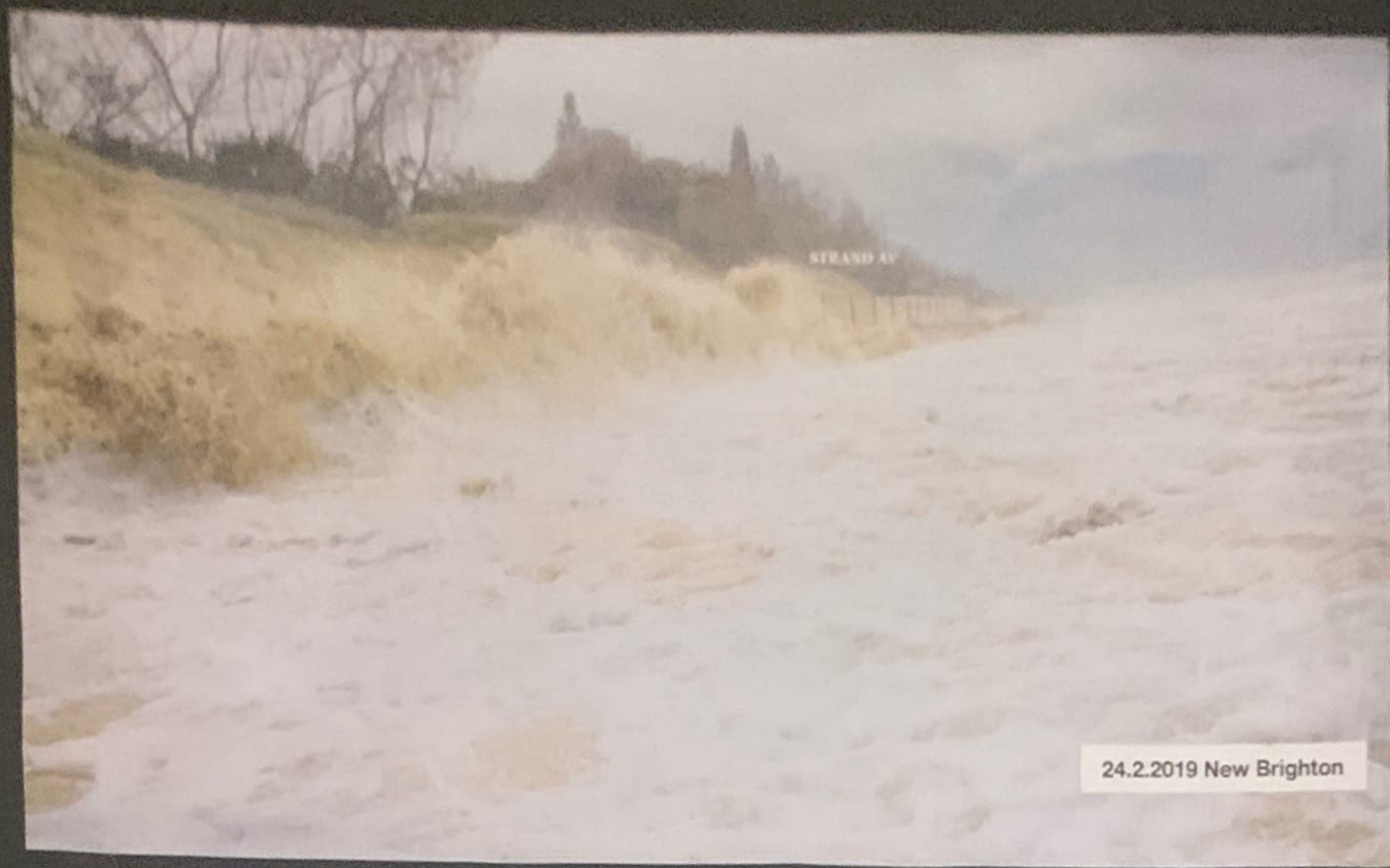
9.3.2013 GLORIA ST SGB

SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH

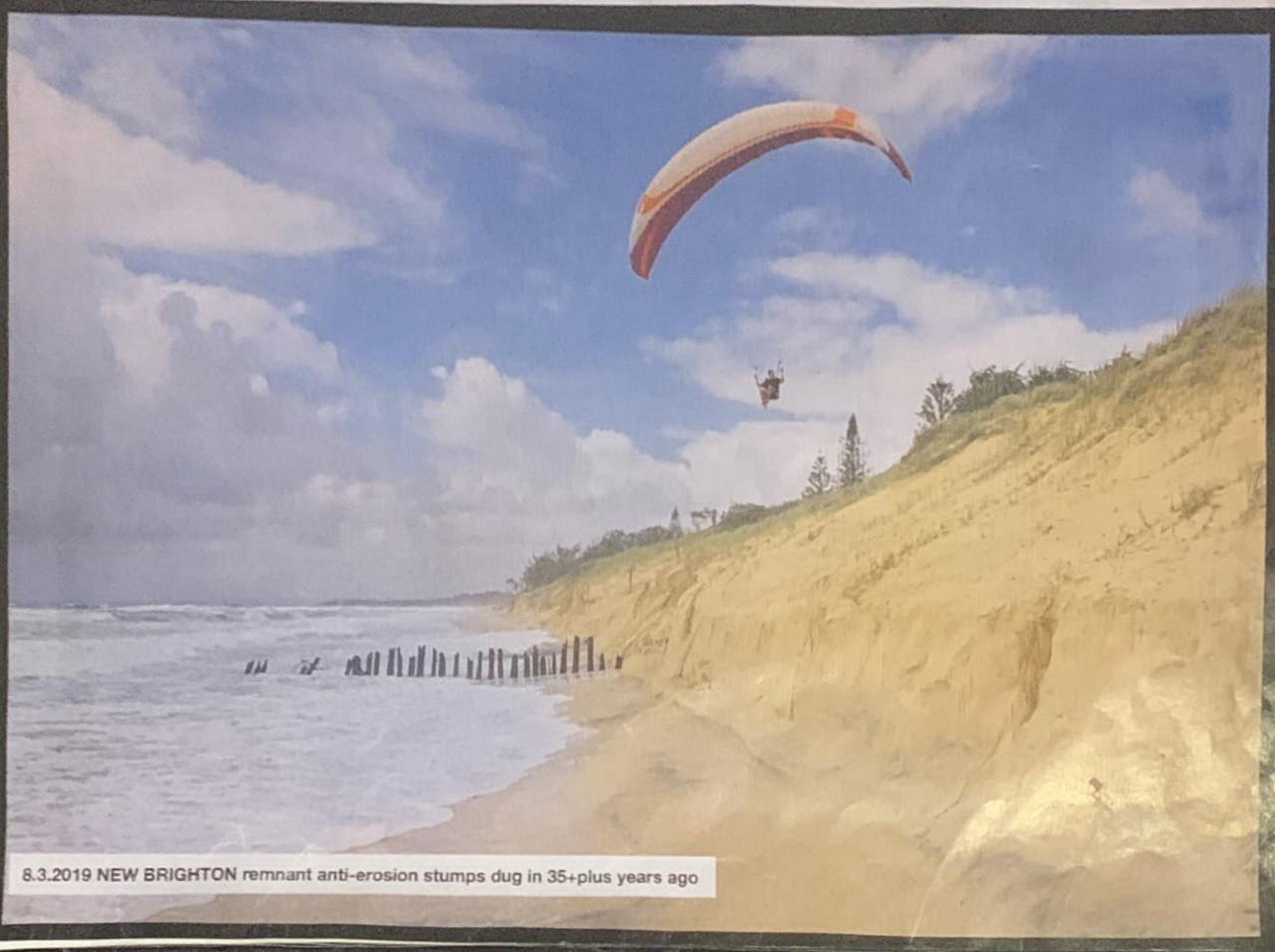
31.8.2008 New Brighton

12.10.2010 New Brighton

5.3.2019 NEW BRIGHTON

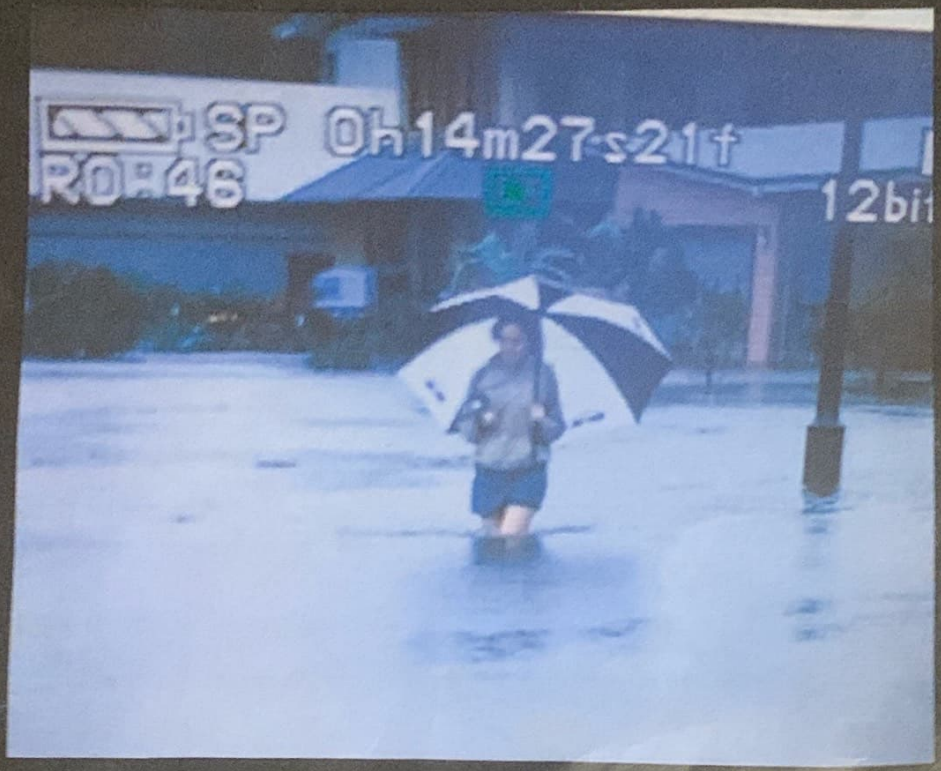


24.2.2019 New Brighton



8.3.2019 NEW BRIGHTON remnant anti-erosion stumps dug in 35+plus years ago

Floods



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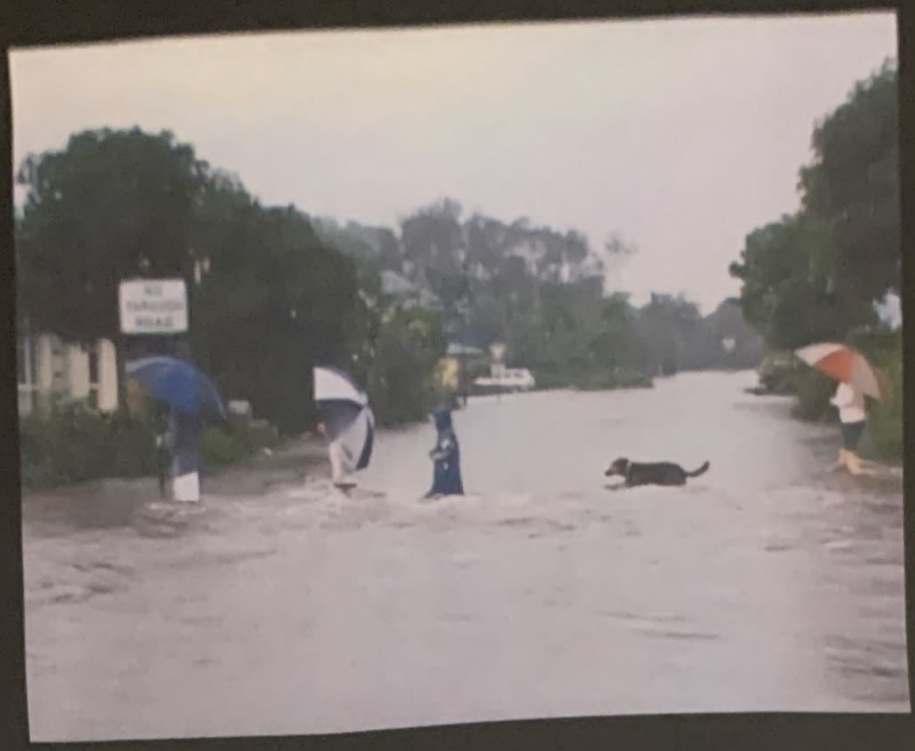

2013

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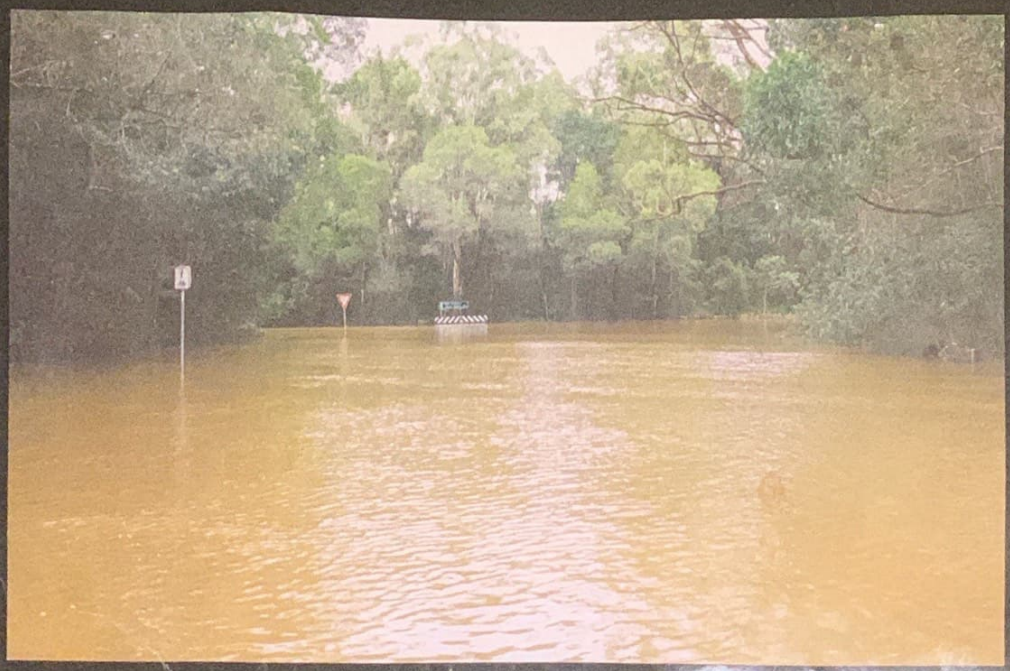
28.2.2022 HELEN ST

28.2.2022 15.26

31·3·2017



REDGATE RD 08:23 31.3.2017

28.2.2022 14.49
ESPLANADE & STRAND

New Brighton 1.4.2017
Ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie flood.

New Brighton
S G Beach
Fern Beach 31.3.2017

Royal Av 28.2.2022 15.55

Muli Muli Av 28.2.2022 13.58

Berrimbilla Court 28.2.2022 12.28

Beach Av 28.2.2022 12.12

GLORIA ST
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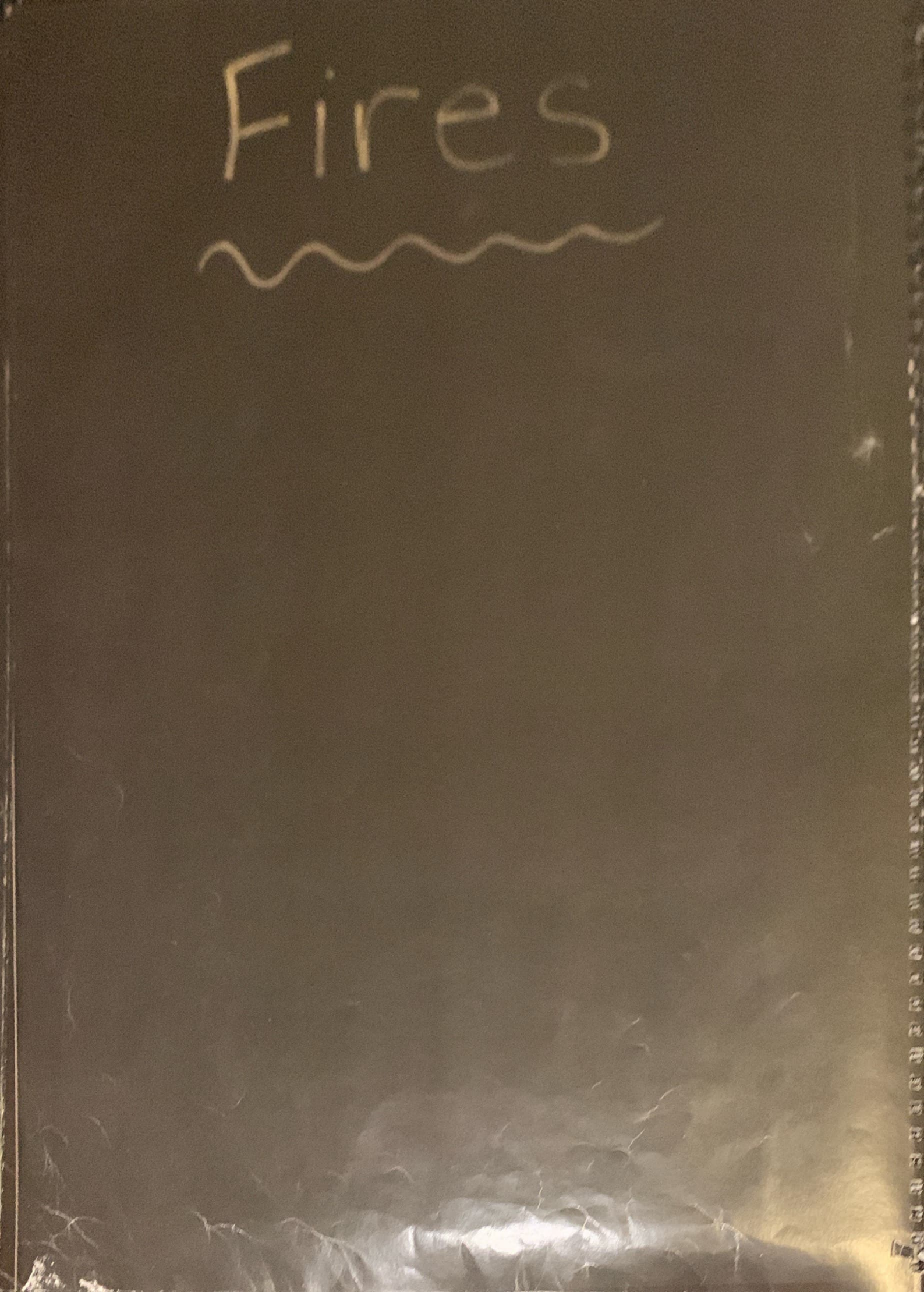
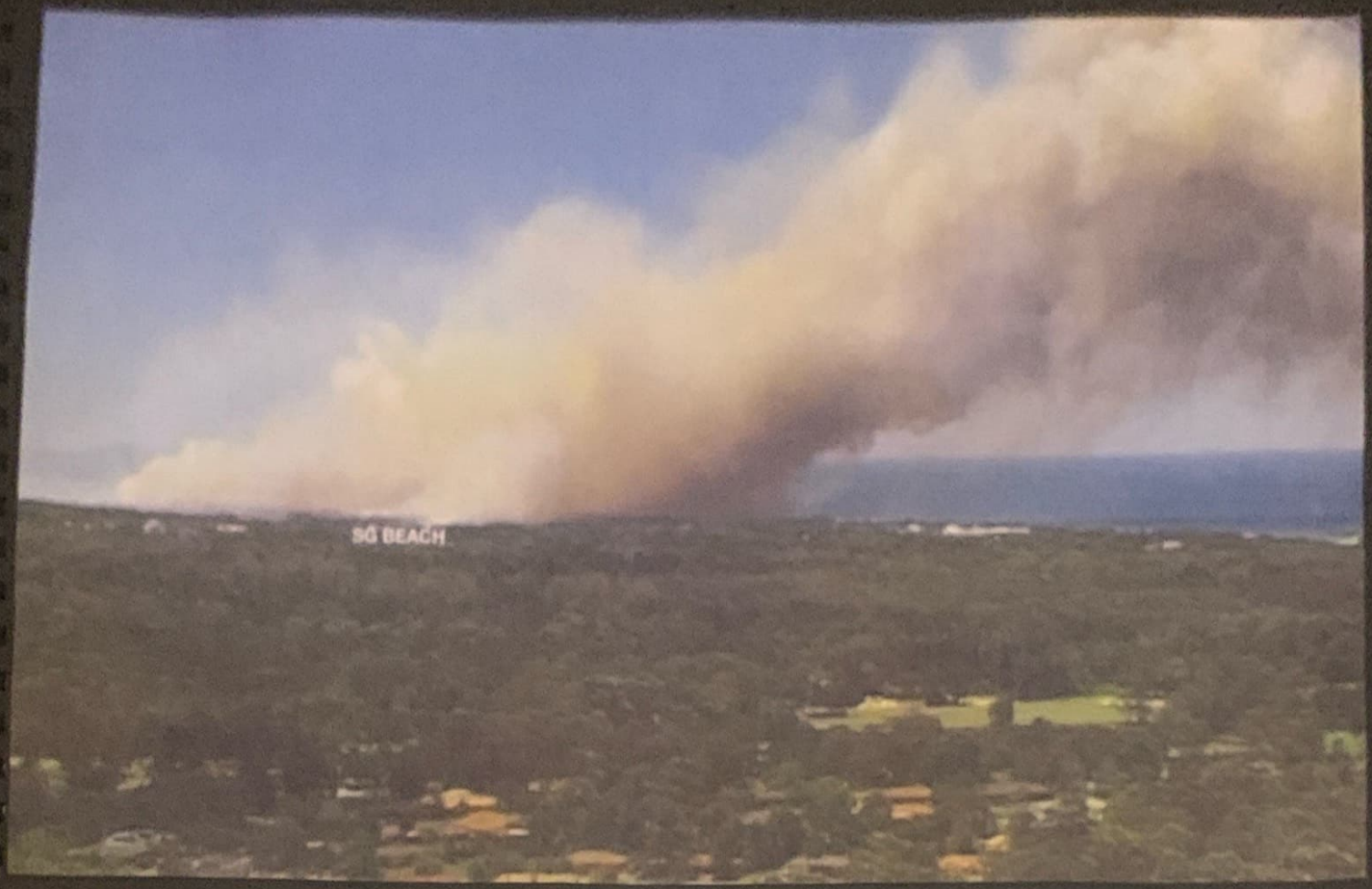
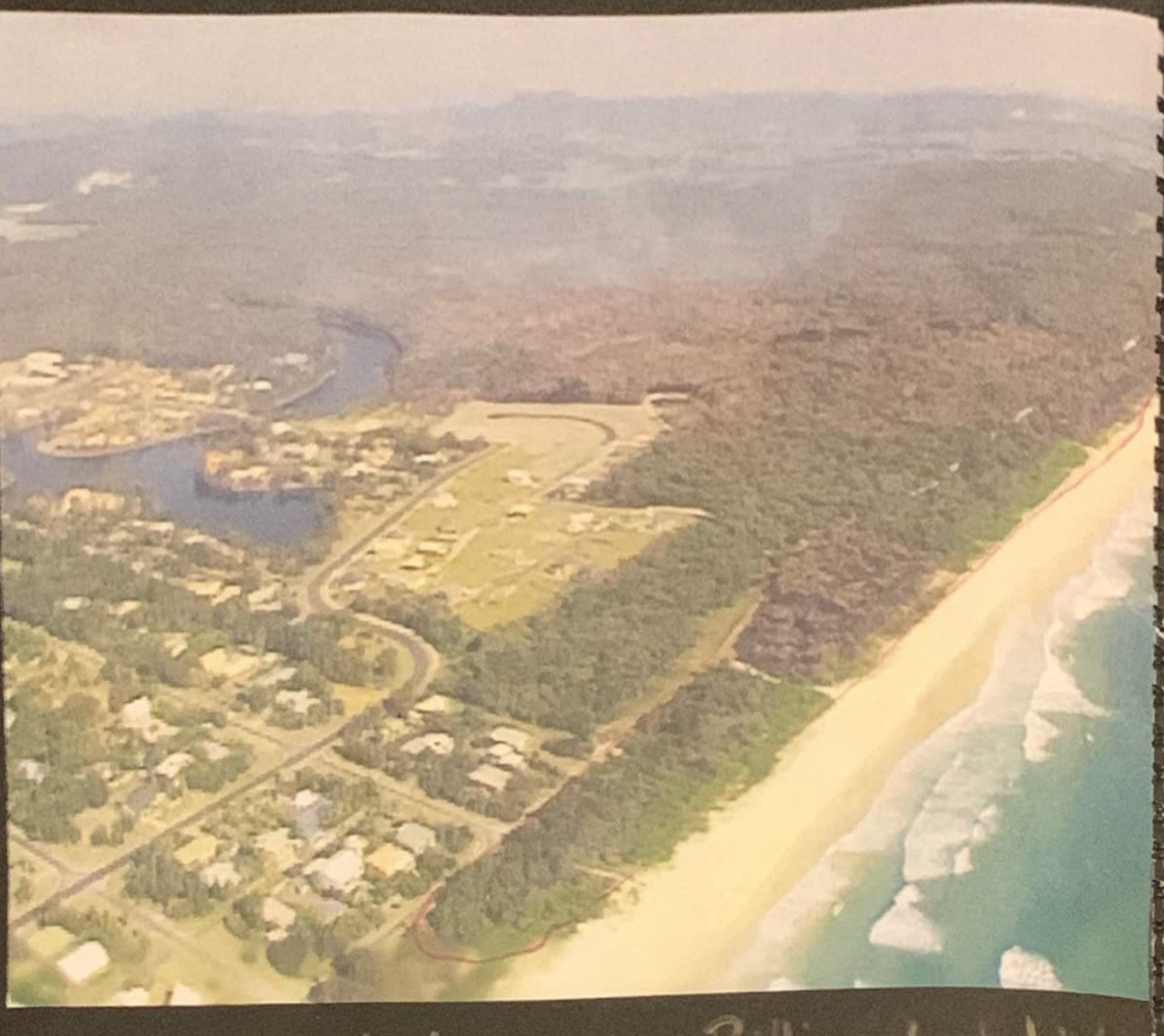
30.6.2005


Fires

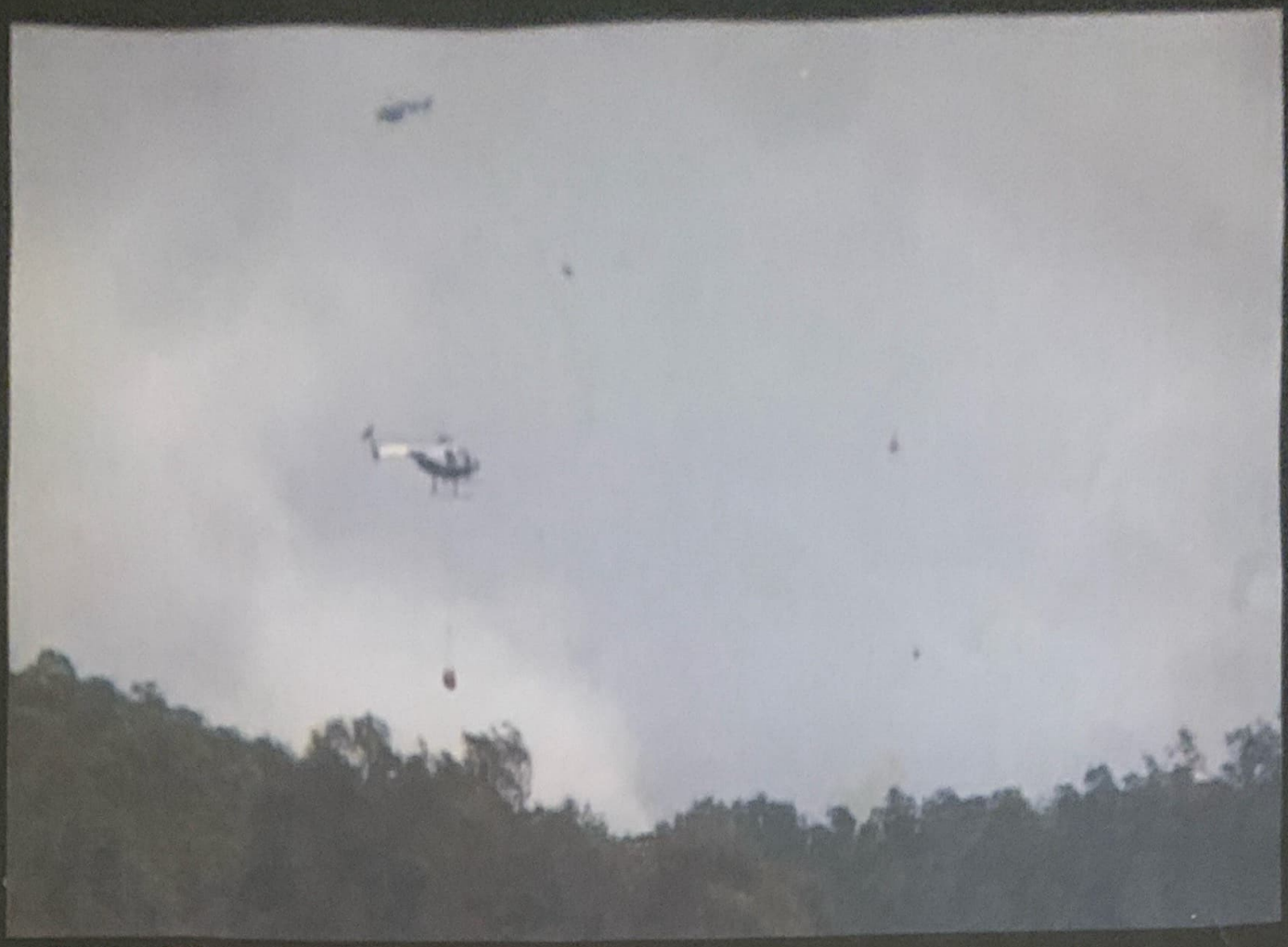


2021

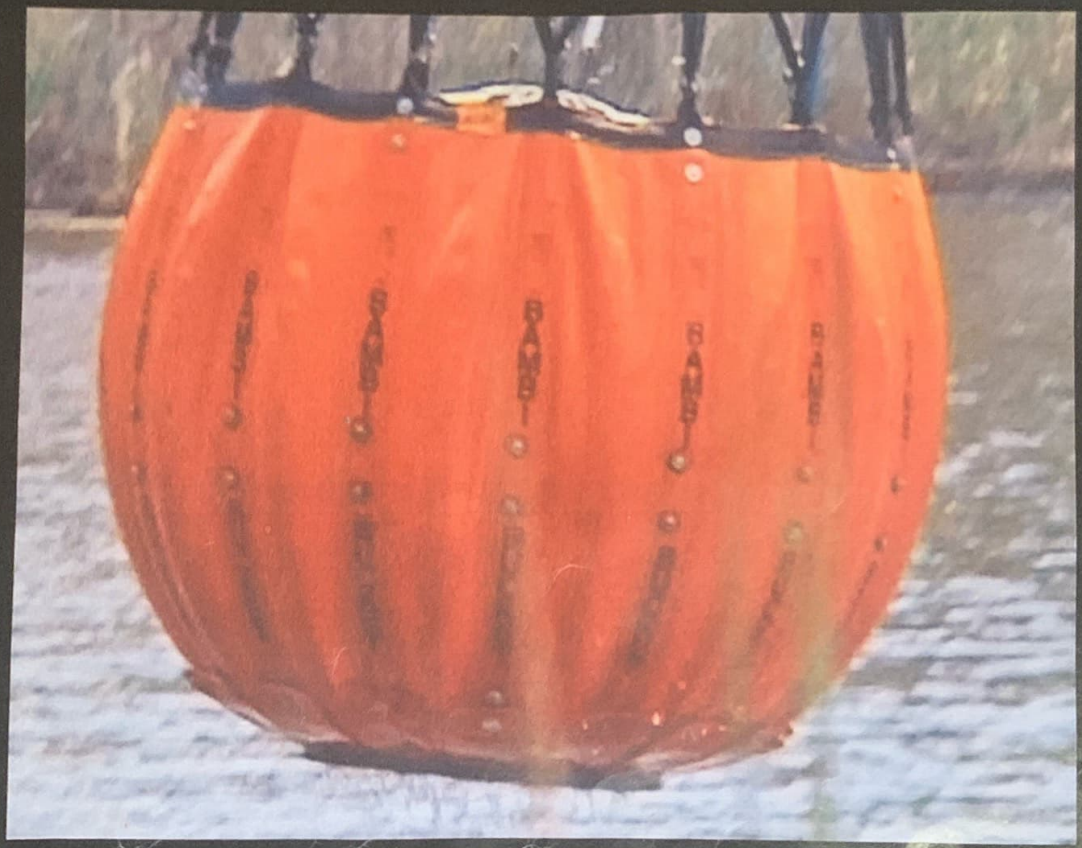
2001



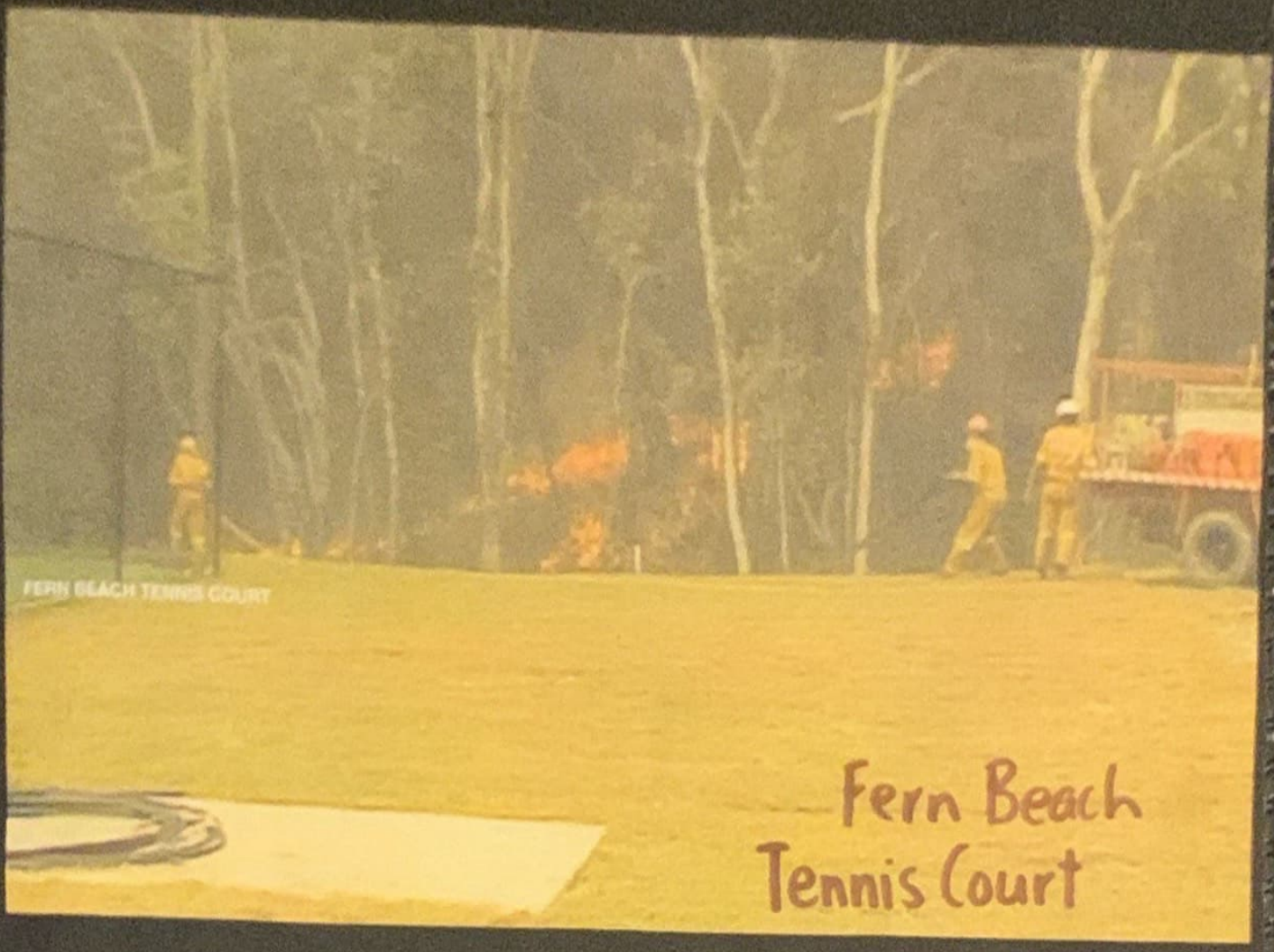
Fire started in the Billinudgel Nature Reserve made it's way to North Ocean Shores, Fern Beach and Sth Golden Beach.



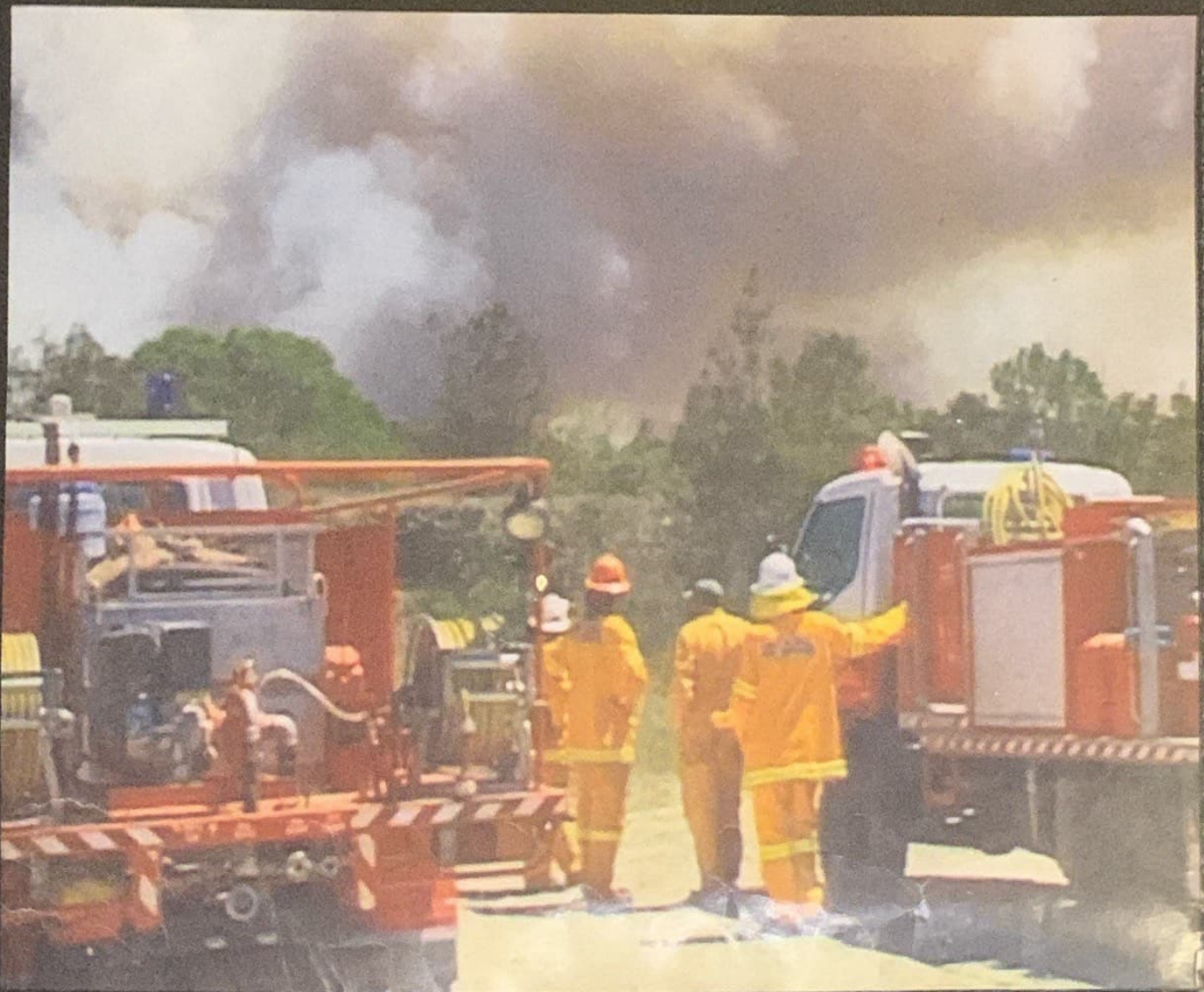
28·12·2001 3 Waterbombers'

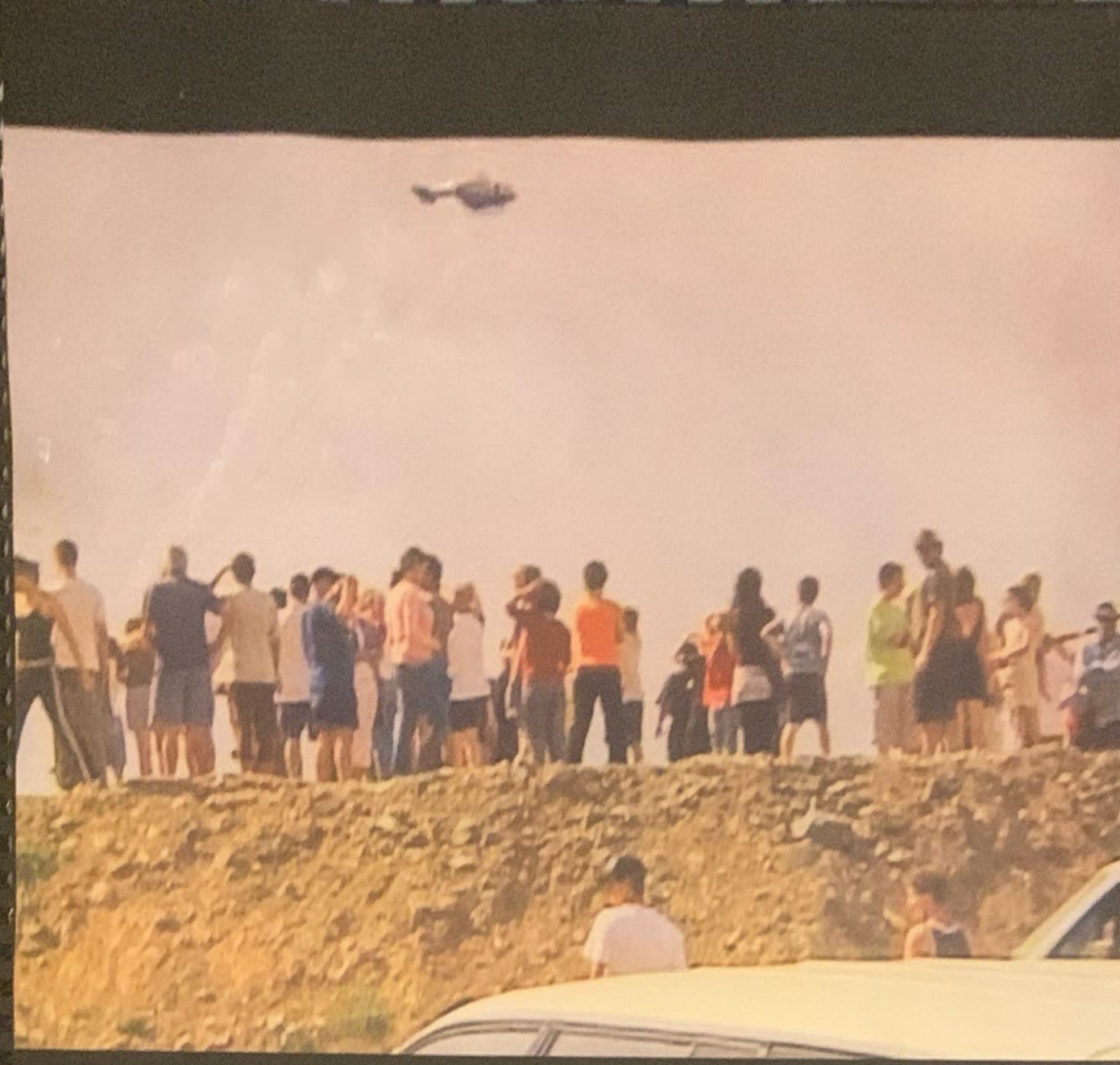


Not a pumpkin - waterbag (collecting

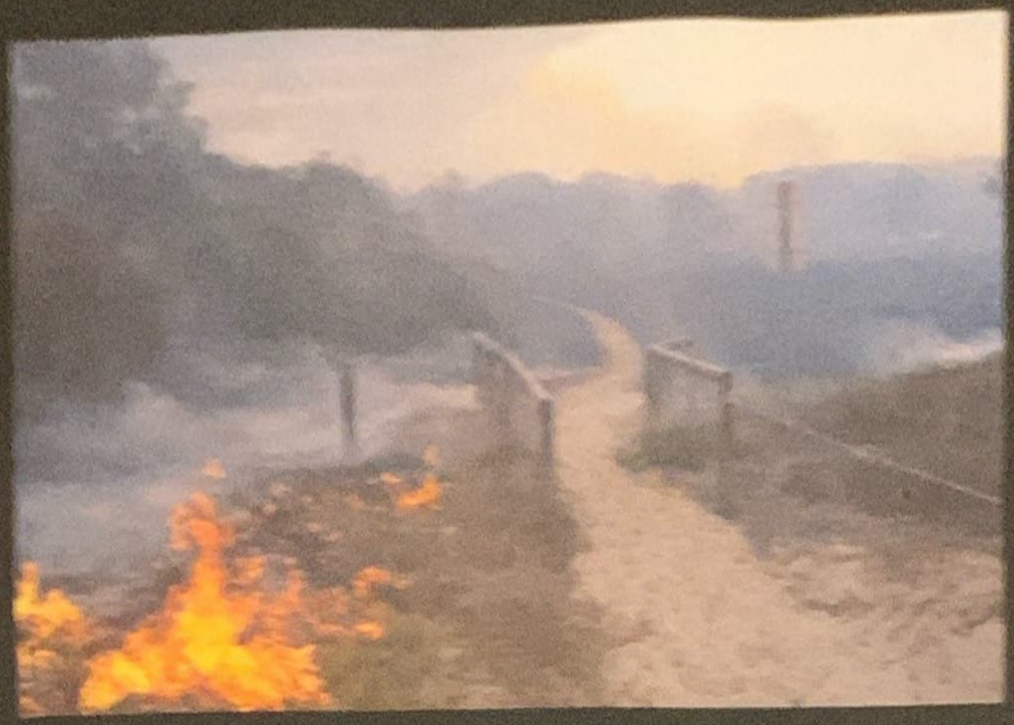


Fern Beach
Tennis Court





These onlookers were up at the quarry up on the hill behind OS public school. Vantage point to watch the fire.

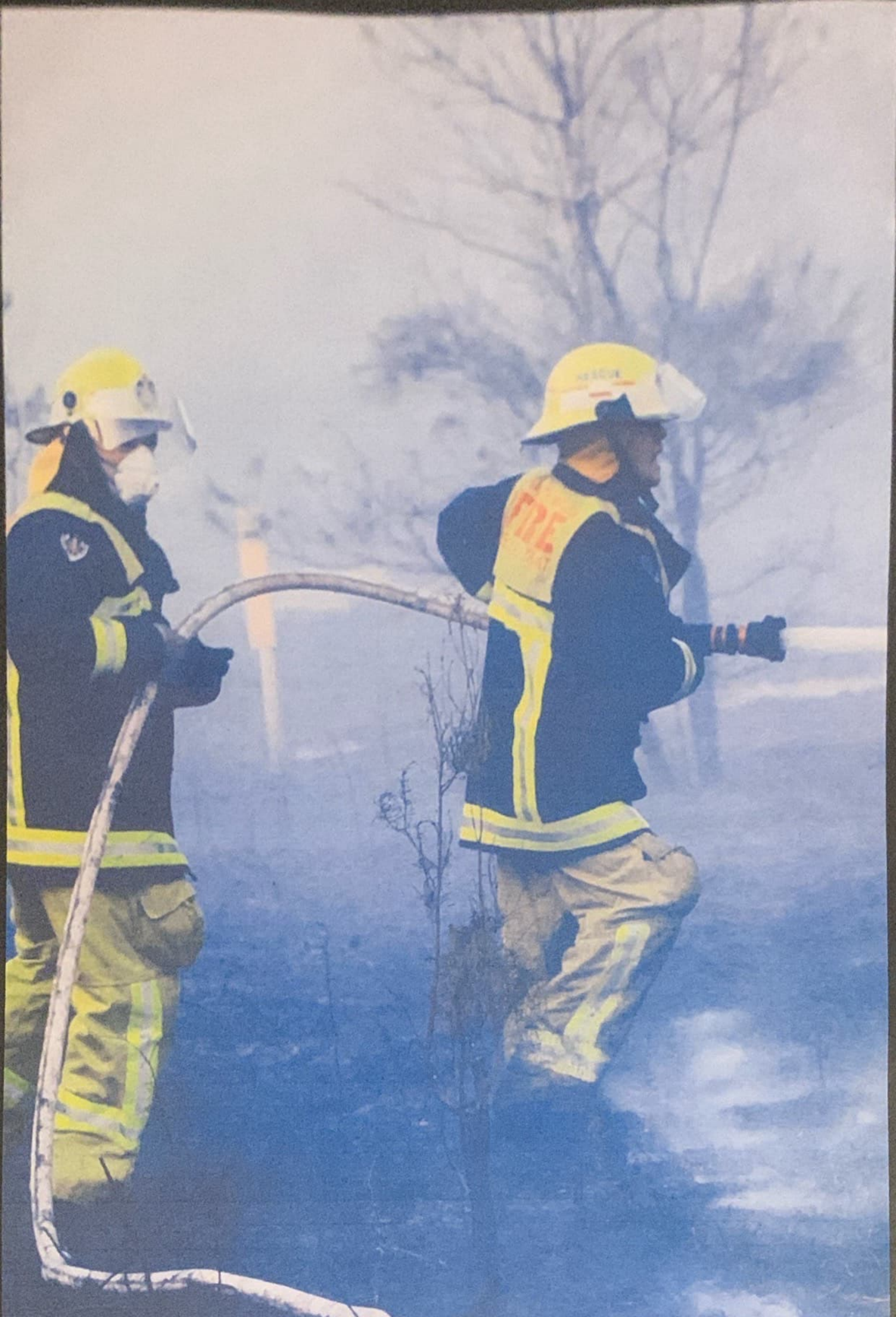


11-2-2009

End of Esplanade

Rescued this 'singed' baby possum.... and mother.

The track to the Beach from Rangal Rd, Nth Ocean Shores.


FIRE

11.12.2009

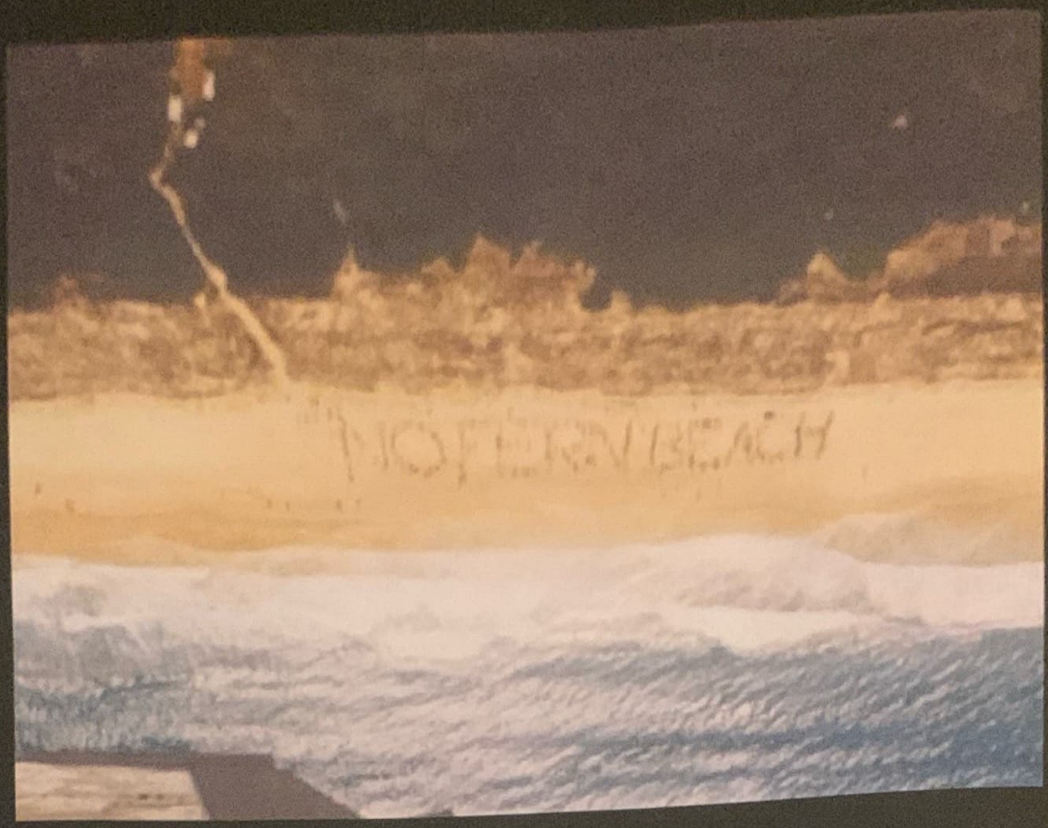
Floods, Fires, Erosion an

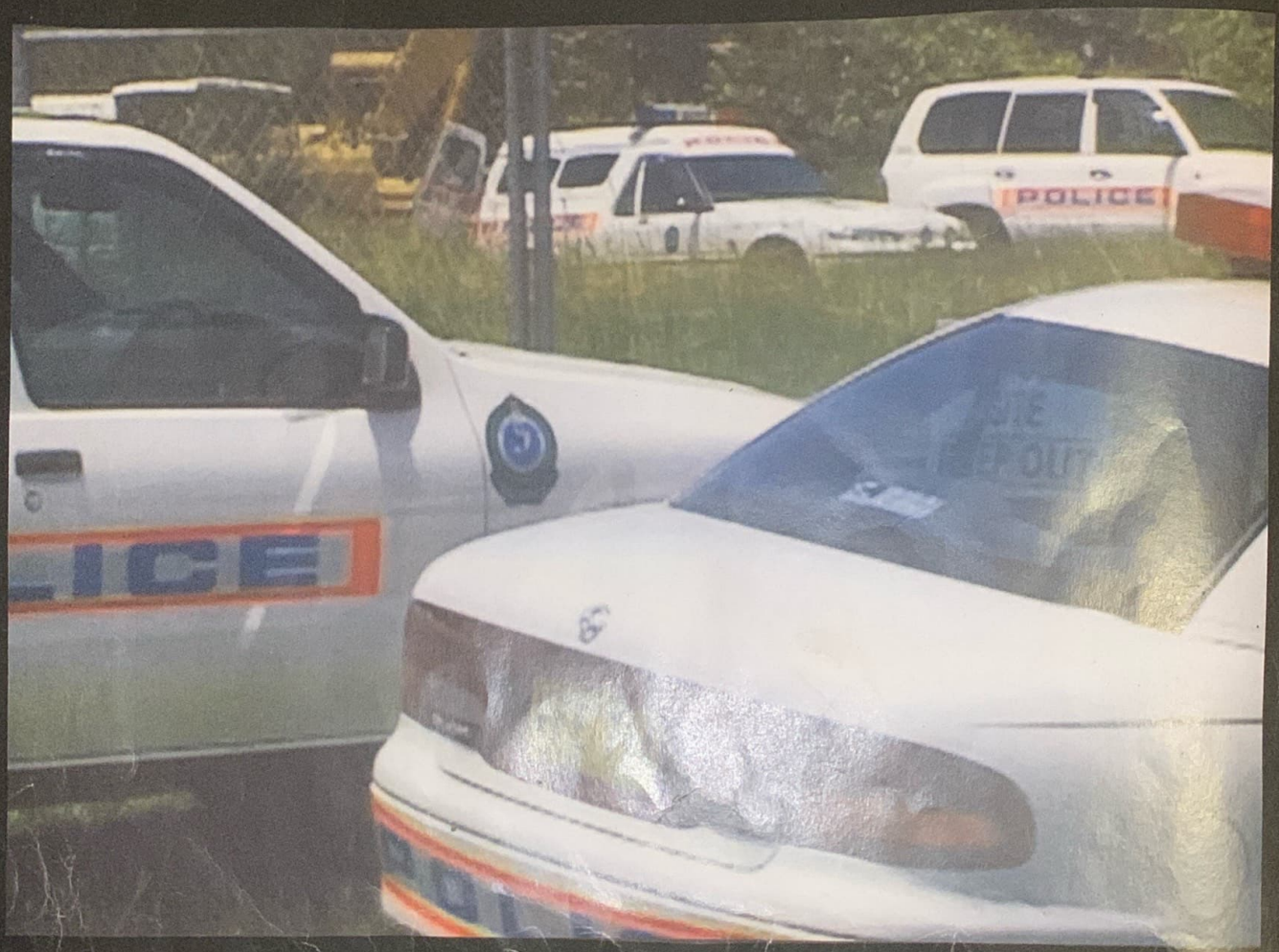
Tough times for many.

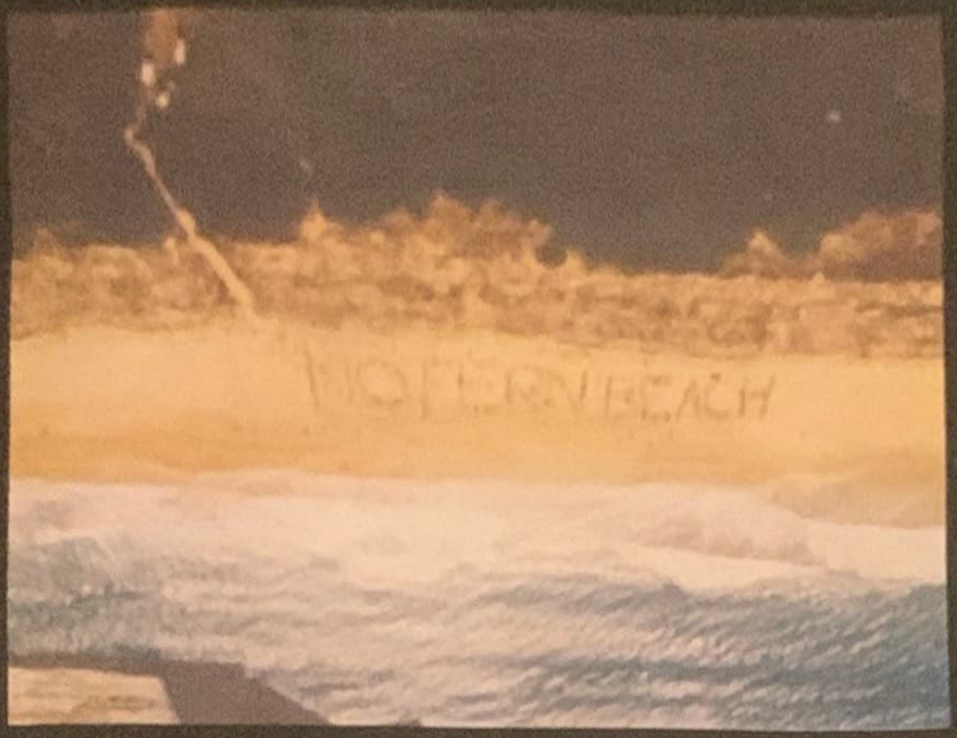
When community
pull together it brings
a stronger sense of
community and support
for one another.
Thanks to neighbours,
strangers who help out
in times of adversity.

Fern Beach

1997




POLICE



A community protest on the Beach. Protestors wrote the sign 'NO FERN BEACH' with their bodies. A small plane with a banner flew by and captured the image, by a protestor. A rally followed with guest speakers.

You can destroy this beach without lifting a finger.

Lot D.P. 702271, D.A. 94/483
Kallaroo Circuit and Rangal Road
North Ocean Shores - 'Fern Beach'

Sth Golden Beach is in danger!

Byron Shire Council needs your help in deciding the fate of your part of Australia's unspoilt coast.

A proposed sub-division would dump 150 houses smack on the coast at South Golden Beach.

If you object to this sub-division and its threat to the beauty of your environment, act now!

It's not too late. Write to Council; conservation groups like BEACON, CONOS, etc; the media - Echo, Byron News, NRTV, etc; and/or your state and federal politicians. Talk to your friends and neighbours, and encourage them to do the same.

If you don't object, it will be too late.

Yet another part of our shire will be gone forever. Yet another part of our Australian coast gone forever.

Lift a finger. You may wish to base your objections on: (1) gross inappropriateness (2) destruction of flora and fauna (3) increased traffic, with 1,500 projected car movements per day (4) increased pollution (5) potential flooding (6) sewerage overload (7) inadequate school facilities (8) restricted public access to your beach (9) lack of services and infrastructure to handle such development.

Information and correspondence:
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Some people said 'Mt Gotten Beach' was a "3rd world of Byron Shire"!!!

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BOMAG

Re Lot D P 702271
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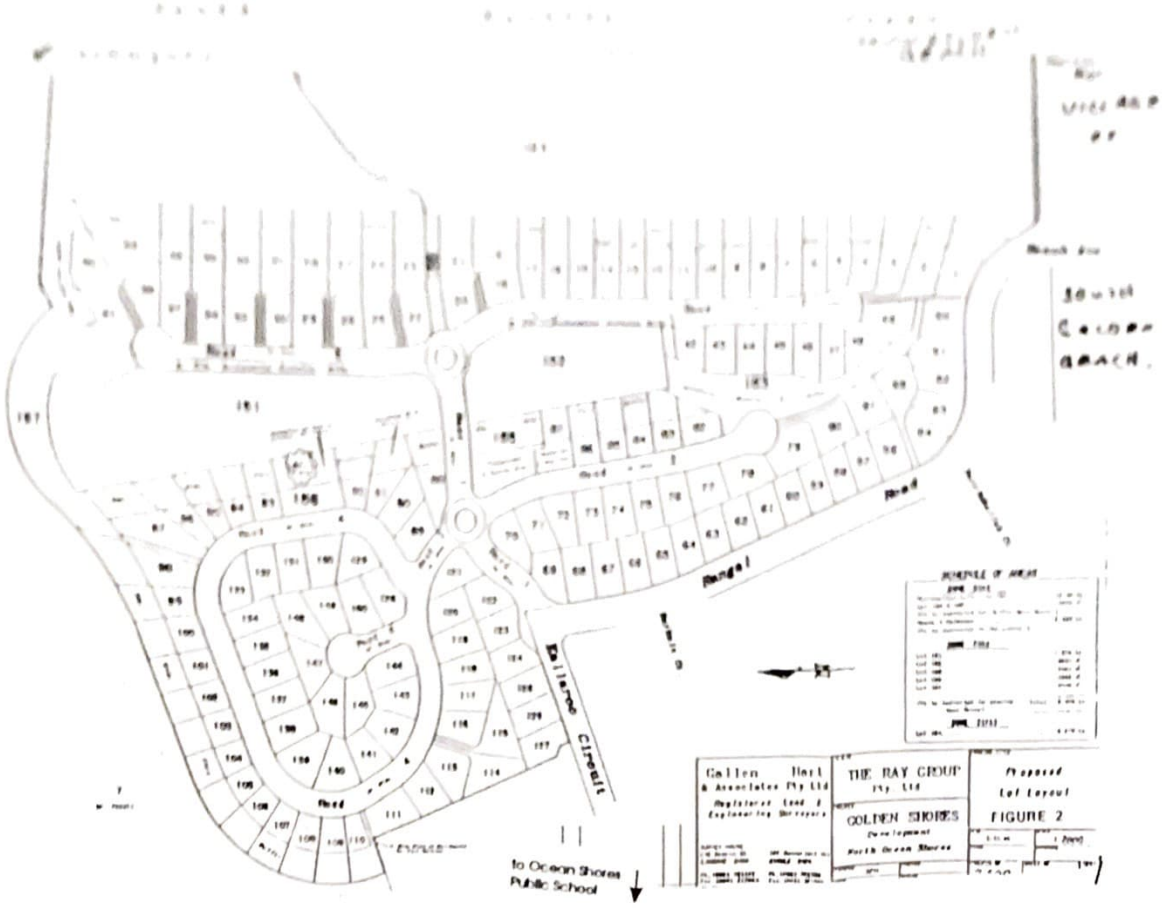

Byron Council needs your help in deciding *THE FATE* of this part of Australia's coast.

IF you object to this subdivision, ***ACT NOW!***

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Write to Council, conservation groups (BEACON, CONOS), the media (Echo, Byron News, NRTV) and your state and federal politicians.

IF you don't object, ***IT WILL BE TOO LATE.***

'Another part of the shire gone
Another part of the Australian coast gone'

You may wish to base your objections on:

1) gross inappropriateness
2) destruction of flora and fauna
3) increased traffic (1500 projected vehicle movements per day)
4) increased pollution
5) potential flooding
6) sewerage overload
7) inadequate facilities at local school and limited public access to beach

If you need further inspiration, check out that beautiful cover on Council's latest (1993) Management Plan and annual report. It says it all. (Also check out page 9 of same).

Any correspondence: PO Box 77
BRUNSWICK HEADS NSW 2483

PTO for you letter of submission